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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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AL TSA: AFH #2016-009
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The department is considering amending or repealing sections of Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to either be in compliance with Substitute Senate Bill 5600, to address resident safety concerns, or to correct or clarify language in currently rule.

A CR-101 (WSR 16-10-066) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to begin the rulemaking process. The CR-101 document can be found on the ALTSA internet website under AFH Rule Filings” at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers>.

Highlights of the changes under consideration include:

- Changes to the definition of abuse, capacity and defines first floor of the home;
- Clarifying the resident is not required to sign the Disclosure of Charges form provided by the department;
- Adding the resident being assessed as safe to use medical devices;
- Clarify homes licensed after January 1, 2016 are required to have door hardware for the designated egress door in accordance with WAC 51-51;
- Homes licensed after October 1, 2016 must have grab bars, handrails and/or ramps installed in accordance with WAC 51-51;
- Clarify commercially bottled water does not expire; and
- Condense emergency evacuation WACs and clarify location of bedrooms for residents who need assistance.

For rule-making questions, please contact Sherise Baltazar, Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-3204.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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